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RE: Draft Operating Permit #OP2953-07; Notification of 14-day Extension of Public Comment Period

Dear Interested Parties:

On August 10, 2012, the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) issued Draft Operating Permit #OP2953-07. In accordance with ARM 17.8.1232, a public notice was published in the *Billings Gazette* newspaper on August 10, 2012, providing a 30-day public comment period for any member of the public, including representatives of the facility. This public comment period was set to end on September 10, 2012.

On August 17, 2012, the Department received a request to extend the public comment period on Draft Operating Permit #OP2953-07. The Department has granted this request and approved a 14-day extension to the original 30-day public comment period on Draft Operating Permit #OP2953-07. In order to be considered, the comments on Draft Operating Permit #OP2953-07 now must be received by **September 24, 2012**. A public notice of this comment period extension was published in the *Billings Gazette* newspaper on August 22, 2012.

Comments may address the Department analysis and determination or information submitted by the applicant. A public hearing regarding issuance of this permit may be requested by submitting a written request to the Department by September 24, 2012. The Department intends to issue the proposed operating permit after the comment period has expired and after any required public hearing. The proposed permit will be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is allowed a 45-day comment period on the proposed permit. After the EPA comment period has expired, the Department intends to issue a decision on the permit. In accordance with Section 75-2-218, MCA, the Department's decision regarding issuance of the permit is not effective until 30 days have elapsed from the date of the decision. The decision may be appealed to the Board of Environmental Review (Board) by filing a request for a hearing within 30 days after the date of decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Walsh the permit writer, at (406) 444-9741 or by email at viwalsh@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

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